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TOPIC Soviet Troop Movements in the Magdeburg Area

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REMARKS

1. At 7:30 a.m. on 31 October 1953, a train of 3 to 10 boxcars with personnel and of 30 flatcars carrying 1 field kitchen, trucks with covered numbers and 10 to 12 x 100-mm AA guns was seen on the Burg-Magdeburg railroad line, heading toward Magdeburg. At 9 a.m., a train of 10 boxcars with personnel and of 25 to 30 flatcars carrying trucks and small guns, probably 45-mm AT guns, was seen near Brandenburg, heading toward Magdeburg.¹

2. At 1 p.m. on 31 October, a train carrying an undetermined number of Soviet soldiers was dispatched at the Magdeburg-Friedrichstadt railroad station to an unknown destination. At 2:30 p.m., three guns, billeting equipment and trucks

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Friedrichstadt railroad station and another train was forwarded to the main railroad station.¹ At 1:15 p.m. on 1 November, 1,200 soldiers without heavy weapons and vehicles marched through Friedrich Ebert Strasse toward the Herrenkrug Kaserne and Anger Kaserne. At 6 p.m., an undetermined number of soldiers came from the direction of the Herrenkrug Kaserne and Anger Kaserne and marched toward the Friedrichstadt main railroad station, at which they were loaded on 30 boxcars and, at 6:30 p.m., departed for an unknown destination.²

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1. Comment. Probably the transfer from Brandenburg to Magdeburg of units of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) which, according to paragraph 1 of the present report and in opposition to previous information involved light units of the brigade.

2. Comment. Probably movements made in connection with the personnel exchange program.

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